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Valley Club Dances for Peace

BY JACKIE CONLEY
STAFF WRITER

Under a sunny, breezy California sky, students from the dance club gathered together to express their feelings about the war in Iraq.

Peaceful demonstrations throughout history have been held to speak out against violence. John Lennon and Yoko Ono waged a Bed-In for Peace. Mohandas Gandhi fasted for non-violence. Some hold candlelight vigils to protest the current war.

"We're doing a dance to protest the war," dance student Brandi Hodges said.

"We feel un-empowered and we wanted to show something, but we wanted to keep the focus on expressing how we felt about the war without using words," Hodges said.

Seven dancers clad in black to represent grief and a red scarf to signify blood delivered a melancholy performance to trance music to emphasize grief. A flyer billing the event read, "Sometimes silence can be more powerful than words."

"Any form of art goes straight to peoples' hearts," Hodges said. "It stirs emotions, and hopefully, people carry that feeling with them through the rest of the day."

The dancers slowly walked in unison from the top of the stairs outside the library, toward the center of Monarch Square. The flock of students proceeded to act out a scene involving the killing of a loved one next to the flagpole. The dancers joined their fellow students after the somber performance and lightened the mood by playing drums and performing African dancing in the open field.

"Grieving is a slow process," Hodges said. "Some people die quickly, but the grief process lingers, sometimes forever."

James Brevard, the

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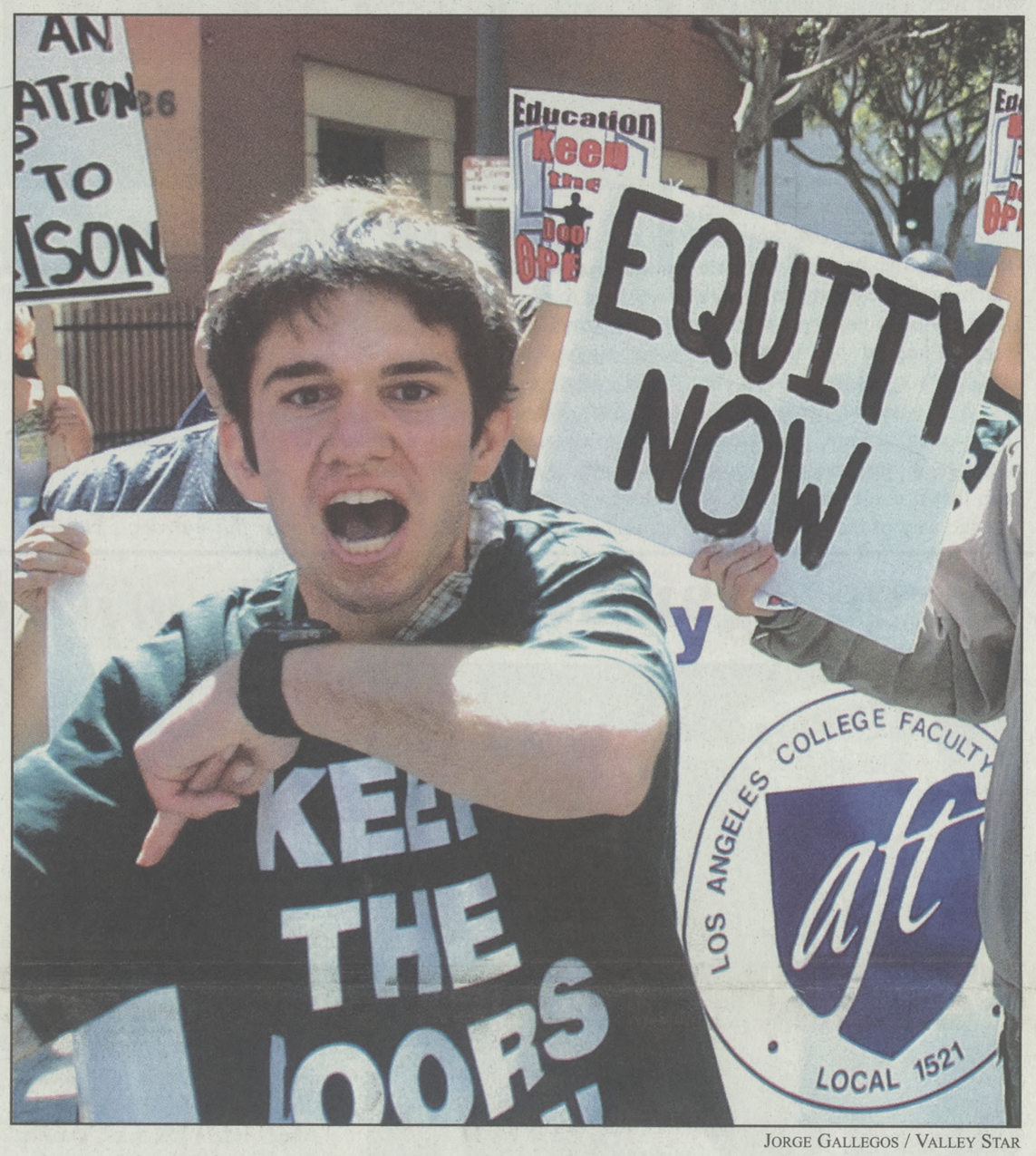

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STUDENT VOICE - Valley student Matt Fine makes his voice heard about proposed budget cuts.

Community Colleges Rally to Stop Cuts

BY SERENA DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

Community college students from Glendale to Rio Hondo packed the streets of Los Angeles Friday in yet another effort to voice their opposition to the proposed budget cuts. The cuts would jeopardize school programs and put working-class students' goals in limbo.

Students marched from Pershing Square to Gov. Gray Davis' Los Angeles office, where members of congress joined to show their support for the movement. The governor's recent proposal to cut $288 million from California community college budgets within the next year would force schools to eliminate more classes and student services and raise tuition from $11 to $24 a unit.

"We're not only here to protect our own education, but also to protect the education of those students who will follow us," Valley College Associated Student Union parliamentarian Jessica Salazar said to the crowd police estimated between 3,500 and 4,000.

Salazar was in charge of organizing nine other school districts in the protest. Students from Valley, Pierce, Mission, Trade Tech, City, Glendale, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Compton, Harbor, West Los Angeles, East Los Angeles and other colleges came by bus, subway and foot to show their solidarity in what many observers said was just the beginning of community college students making a stand.

"You guys represent the future and the future looks pretty good from where I'm standing," Sen. Richard Alarcon (D-Van Nuys) said. "The only way to ensure that all of the current students get to continue with their college education is to rejuvenate the community college

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Future Library Dedicated to Robert M. Hertzberg

BY JACQUI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Valley College dedicated its new library and learning resource center March 26 in honor of former state assembly speaker Robert M. Hertzberg. The $34 million facility will house the library, Valley's historical museum, computer labs with Internet access, a tutoring center and multi-purpose rooms for group study, meetings and small seminars.

"I made community colleges my top priority," Hertzberg said. "I call them the classrooms of the new economy, the bridge of this new society we live in, where people keep going back to school. They've taken on this important role in our society and I thought it was important for government to recognize that."

His $100,000 donation to Valley's Patrons Association will help fund the programs and services in the learning resource center scheduled to be built by 2007.

"Even though I'm out of service to the community, I continue making the statement that community college is important," Hertzberg said. "I'm hoping that it'll be a catalyst for others to shine the light on community colleges and demonstrate their important role."

Valley President Tyree Wieder accepted the check on behalf of the school. She said Hertzberg has put community colleges on the map and let the state know that community colleges are the workhorses of higher education. She lauded his efforts as a public figure that was willing to stand up and be heard and champion education's cause.

"When we talked about recognizing someone so helpful and dedicated to community colleges, who had absolutely changed what the state knew and understood about community colleges, what name came up? It was Robert M. Hertzberg," Wieder said. "We're very excited and pleased that Mr. Hertzberg has agreed to work with us in the development of our new library. Without his help we would never have been able to do this."

Warren Furutani, president of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees, worked with Hertzberg while he was in office and said this isn't a new effort for Hertzberg.

"Bob sees us in the context of where the state is going, where the country is going," Furutani said. "And, in that context, he puts his money where his mouth is. The governor has said his priority during these tough times is jobs, jobs, jobs. Well, we're trying to tell the governor we're the institution that gets people ready for jobs."

The new building will sit in the quad between the administration building and Monarch Hall. According to the campus' master plan, the facility's construction is tentatively set to begin in summer 2005 and end in fall 2006.

The library is part of a program to transform the campus over the next 10 years. Valley will receive $165 million during the next nine to 10 years to erect new buildings and renovate existing ones from the bond measure Proposition A's passing in spring 2001. A model of the new building and exact

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TAMMY ABBOT / VALLEY STAR

PLACE TO LEARN - Robert M. Hertzberg speaks during the naming of the library and learning resource center

BENAMIN FAVELA / VALLEY STAR

FIFTH ANNUAL CESAR E. CHAVEZ WALK - Supporters march the three mile route through East Los Angeles to commemorate the life and work of Cesar Chavez March 29.

Cesar Chavez Day Has Meaning to Valley College Students

BY CHRISTINA GRATE
STAFF WRITER

Cesar Chavez was an activist and humanitarian who worked for people of all nationalities, not just Mexican-Americans. March 31 commemorates the life and work of this American labor leader and union organizer.

"Cesar Chavez has done so much for my race, actually for every person of any race," said Mexican-American student Jorge Valle. "People say he's only worked for Mexican-Americans, but he worked for all farm workers."

To commemorate and celebrate Cesar Chavez's accomplishments, San Fernando held the "Pilgrimage March for Justice" Sunday. Participants marched from Brand Park to San Fernando Recreation Park, where they held a cultural arts festival in Chavez' honor.

Approximately 300 people marched and an additional 300 gathered at San Fernando Recreation Park to receive them. The festival's main goal was to promote education in the Hispanic community.

"Education was a big deal to Chavez," Pepperdine University graduate student Kim Read said. "We are here to share his ideals."

When the marchers arrived, Aztec dancers took the stage to honor Chavez and his followers. Everyone boasted pride of Chavez and his accomplishments with black eagle T-shirts, flags and signs reading "Si Se Puede (Yes, We Can)."

SEE THE *VALLEY STAR'S* NEXT ISSUE ON APRIL 23.

A Soldier's Story

An ongoing series about the experiences of those touched by war

By Ryan Yudell and Jackie Conley
Staff Writers

In part two of this series, Valley College political science professor Robert Pritchard told a morbid story about the day he was wounded in combat during the Korean War. A Chinese soldier shot Pritchard with an automatic weapon, and Pritchard suffered severe wounds to his left knee and right thigh. A round missed his testicles by an inch. He was sent back into war limping due to a manpower shortage. We conclude with Pritchard's remarkable story of his experiences of war.

Q: What medals did you receive?

A: The Purple Heart and various campaign medals.

Q: Which one means the most?

A: The C.I.B. (combat infantry badge), even more than the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart, well that's just bad luck.

Q: Is there any one person's death that affected you?

A: Yes. There was this young kid, he joined the army underaged and he looked it. He was blonde, hardly shaven, had kind of a baby face. He was always smiling. He just looked like a kid. His name was Gareheart and he was from Redding Pennsylvania. He got killed from shrapnel that hit him in the neck. He bled to death in five minutes. Although I wasn't close to him, I really felt that loss. It's such a crapshoot, some guy lives, some other guy gets killed, it's just a fluke. He was a baby but a good soldier. I think he was a virgin. I find that funny but tragic because he never had that experience in his short life.

Q: Did you feel guilty about coming home when so many didn't?

A: No. I had feelings for those who were killed, wounded and mentally affected by the war.

Q: What was it like to finally get back home?

A: When we came back, we came by ship into San Francisco. A dozen of us took a cab ride and I was looking out the window from the back of the cab watching all these cars go by. All these civilians going to work. I was thinking all that time I was in Korea putting my body on the line and possibly being killed, these people were just going about their business. But more then that it made me feel this is just the way of the world. Some people were lucky. While wars are going on, even for me during WWII, you can just go about your lives. While you're driving down to the drugstore or something, three or four thousand miles away a guy in some combat unit is getting his head blown off. Even though they might have been reading or hearing about the war, basically they really didn't give a damn whether I survived or not

There's no simple way to sum up the horrors, victories and villainy of war. The Valley Star would like to express our deepest gratitude to Professor Pritchard not only for his valiant service to his country but for the story he so generously shared with us.

Korean War (1950 - 1953)	
Total Service Members (Worldwide)	5,720,000
Battle Deaths	33,686
Other Deaths (In Theatre)	2,830
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theatre)	17,730
Non-Mortal Woundings	103,284
Living Veterans	3,913,749

Information from the Department of Defense Website

Students Lead the Charge Against Cuts

By Serena Daniels
Staff Writer

With the impact community college students have had on the state capitol, students' political clout has risen and legislators have begun responding to their requests.

Students have mobilized to protest deep budget cuts that would further cut classes and raise tuition. Valley College students have rallied in Sacramento and Los Angeles with others in the Los Angeles Community College District to protest the $288 million cuts Gov. Gray Davis proposed in January. On March 18, the governor signed Senate Bill 18X, which will soften the blow of his original proposal.

"This is absolutely only the beginning," said Warren Furutani, president of the LACCD Board of Trustees. "This effort brought forth by community college students has been amazing."

Ten thousand students rallied in Sacramento on March 17 to lobby assembly members. This put a face on the affects of the budget cuts, according to Sacramento lobbyist Patrick McCallum, who helped students throughout the event. More than 3,000 students from Southern California also took to Pershing Square Friday, in an overwhelming protest that Valley's Associated Student Union helped organize.

"This has been really difficult for students over the past year," ASU President Sam Kbushyan said. "But we've spoken to many legislators and they're interested in what we have to say."

The protests are the first in a series aimed at getting Davis' and all state legislators' attention. SB 18X says that, while there is a loss of revenue due to a drop in property taxes, the state can't make further cuts to this years' budget.

"Our budget won't have to be reduced any further," Valley President Tyree Wieder said. "I don't know about next year, but as far as this year is concerned, the budget will not be affected."

Along with SB 18X, the legislature also restored the existing budget for social programs such as Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and Disabled Student Program Services (DSPS), which serve students that are economically disadvantaged or disabled. Eleven percent of each programs' budget was requested back to the state's general fund in the mid-year budget report. The governor proposed to cut another 46 percent, which would have debilitated the programs' ability to continue serving students. The state assembly denied that proposal.

"In the mid-year budget report EOPS and DSPS have been taken out of the budget cuts," Vice President of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye said. "This is directly due to the pressure that community college students have been placing on government."

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Jorge Gallegos / Valley Star

PROTEST- Silvia Pintos shows deifance to the governor's proposed budget cuts.

Campus Briefs

URS Town Hall Meeting

URS' Project Manager Alix O' Brien hosted a status report meeting to discuss the plans to revitalize Valley College with Proposition-A funds Thursday.

The final draft of the master plan has reached completion and a model of the plan sits in the foyer of administration. There are 24 planning and building projects underway or complete at this point.

Major construction projects include Media Arts Center, Library and Learning Resources Center, Allied Health Sciences Building, Renovation of the Athletics complex, and the Campus Operations Center. A public meeting will be held early May for review of the draft Environmental Impact Report.

"We want definite student input," Valley President Tyree Wieder said, referring not only to the draft EIR, but all prospective work conducted under Prop A.

-Krista Carlson

Albert and Hartman Plan for Emergency Drill

Lou Albert, Valley College director of staff and operational planning, and Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Eric Hartman of campus security will refine Albert's presentation for Valley's emergency response plan orientation over the next week. The presentation will be 1 p.m. Monday in the media arts building conference room.

Albert, a Marine Corps combat veteran of the Vietnam War, wants six to eight members of the school with specific military or emergency health care experience to complete the guest list. The orientation will target top administrators, senior staff, deans, supervisors, managers and selected members of the student government. Albert will base selection of the candidates he'll invite on those who must play key roles in executing the emergency response plan.

-Billie Jordan

LACCD Board of Trustees Meeting

The Los Angeles board of trustees held a meeting Wednesday to discuss coming changes to Valley and other L.A. city colleges. Topics included student's protests against budget cuts, Prop A renovations and plans to update the biology department.

Board members of congratulated the Associated Student Union for their role in fighting the budget cuts and also to faculty in the biology department for their plans to renovate the Life Sciences complex, due for construction in 2004.

President Tyree Wieder also gave Valley's progress on Prop A, which is responsible for funding all renovations on campus.

The Board agreed on dedicating the month of April to community college appreciation, child abuse prevention and announced April 20 as Denim Day, in which students and faculty are urged to wear denim to protest against sexual assaults against women.

-Serena Daniels

Students Catch Scarlet Fever

By Ivy Dai
Staff Writer

Scarlet fever was one of the most ominous diseases of the 1920s and 30s. The very words "scarlet fever" would strike fear into every mother's heart. Five cases of the scarlet fever have arisen at Valley College within the last month.

Student Stephanie Rodriguez first caught the illness March 5 and gave the airborne infection to student lifeguard Paige Steele March 13. Steele then infected fellow lifeguard Maria Sarmiento March 20. Another student, Samantha Kuppig was infected last week.

Rodriguez didn't notice the symptoms initially. Then a sandpapery rash with tiny bumps covered her body, accompanied by a sore throat. Rodriguez passed the illness to others at the pool with whom she was in close proximity, but she said it didn't originate there.

"I'm not sure how I got it," Rodriguez said. "I work around a lot of children, so it might have been that."

Scarlet fever is most common in school-age children. The symptoms include a rash, fever, nausea, joint pain, chest pain and strep throat. Like a sunburn, the rash usually peels off after a week.

"Once a child with scarlet fever is on antibiotics for 24 hours, the child is no longer contagious and can return to school, said Nandini Sodhi, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services' San Fernando Valley area medical director. Doctors usually prescribe penicillin, an antibiotic. If left untreated it can lead to rheumatic fever, and cause arthritis and long-term heart conditions.

"I didn't know I had it for a week, so I had it pretty bad," Rodriguez said. "Joint pain, heart pain. I had to miss to school for two weeks."

Strep throat can be spread person to person through coughing or sneezing. Contact with infected skin usually causes strep infections. Those at highest risk for scarlet fever are children older than 2 and people in overcrowded environments — such as day care, school and military camps, according to HealthAnswers.com.

In the 1920s, families quarantined their infected children. Today, scarlet fever is simply a systemic version of common strep throat, according to Los Angeles Unified School District and Los Angeles county health officials.

"I have scarlet fever and I'm fine," Steele said. "I'm still working and going to class."

All five students are now on antibiotics. They're no longer contagious and recovering.

Conflict Keeps Students Confined for Spring Break

By Jacqui Brown
Staff Writer

Bikinis, beer and babes have always motivated thousands of college students to travel to warm faraway escapes during the yearly pilgrimage known as spring break.

But now the war in Iraq is in progress, and students are assessing the risks of traveling abroad. Many are concerned about anti-American sentiments and fear misplaced anger might bring them harm.

"I wouldn't travel right now because of what's going on in the world," student Hovik Rostomyan said. "I might end up staying in a hotel with a suicide bomber, who knows."

Fear of retaliation and terrorist attacks here and abroad will keep some close to home. Others are concerned if they step over the U.S. border, in light of tighter security, they may face an even the tougher task of getting back home.

"I'm not traveling because it's too dangerous with all the terrorist stuff," student Jesus Avalar said. "The United States is a main target. There are too many things that can happen."

Resort areas such as Palm Springs have always welcomed college spring breakers. Several hotels said spring break-period bookings are down at this point, but that it's still early enough to get a room and a good deal.

"Hotels may over book or under book depending on what happens with the war," said Pat Lancaster of the Palm Springs

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Staff Editorial

Honoring Valley's Heroes

Under a glaring sun, students pursued a passionate fight Friday. Although they mentioned Iraq, war wasn't the cause for battle at the Pershing Square march and rally. Rather, students rallied against the harsh budget cuts California's community colleges are facing.

Students from 14 community colleges stood to be counted, and nobody was going to back down that day or anytime soon. Rally cries against the cuts spread through the crowd in waves, one after the other, just minutes apart. There was urgency in the air throughout the square.

"I'm angry because we're not being shown the respect and fairness we deserve — I'm angry because I'm scared," said Chason Smith, Santa Monica College Student Body President-elect.

"Choose peace over war, choose education and enlightenment," Sen. Gil Cedillo (D-San Gabriel Valley) urged the crowd. "What we need is education. What we need is a vision, a future of shared prosperity. We'll succeed if we stay organized, organized, organized!"

And organized they stood — more than 3,500 shouting community college students and faculty marched the downtown streets, chanting "Davis says 'Cut back,' we say 'Fight back!'"

The budget cuts affect everyone — single parents, the working poor, minorities and all else. California community college students understand their right to education is in jeopardy and are working hard to keep everyone's education open. Among the throngs statewide helping in the fight, a few Valley College students, school employees and alumni deserve special recognition for their efforts.

Associated Student Union Parliamentarian Jessica Salazar was the chair of the rally's organizing committee and "is a force to be reckoned with," according to Florentino Manzano, associate dean of admissions. Don't mistake the 5'0" woman for anything less than a future member of congress. She can overtake an entire crowd with a voice that carried throughout the streets of Los Angeles over the airwaves of KTLA and crossed borders on the headlines of *La Opinion*.

Valley President Tyree Wieder, with her fire department baseball cap, was on the frontlines with her fellow Monarchs. Wieder has been there for Valley at all levels, from dealings with Proposition-A funded construction projects to dealing with the budget crisis. And she's always found time to speak with concerned students all hours of the day and night.

Yasmin Delahoussaye, vice president of student services, could be seen proudly marching with her students in both Sacramento and Los Angeles. She's been a champion for Valley students throughout the entire movement by teaching them how to mobilize.

Student Body President Sam Kbushyan has come a long way from last year. His presence is powerful and his ability to take on the masses has transformed ten-fold from when he struggled to bite his tongue when asked tough questions. Now, he stands tall as the leader of Valley College students.

"If we stand strong we'll take what's ours," Kbushyan said.

ASU advisor Sherri Rodriguez has not only advised students in ASU meetings and arranged bus rentals, she has guided the future leaders of California. She has let ASU members take charge and made sure that they don't fall.

Senator Richard Alarcon (D-Van Nuys) is an ally always willing to march alongside students. He and others limited Davis' proposed cuts by 50 percent — from $228 to $114 million — and even swayed some Republicans to the community colleges' banner.

Their energy and fury will carry us through the current threat to education and whatever obstacles society may throw our way. Speakers at the rally sent chills down the spine. But some still aren't taking up the good fight.

"I've been busy — it's not the kind of thing I do anyway," student Sean Schwartz said. "I try to deal with it as best I can, but I don't get involved."

Why not? Is it because it's too much information to sort through or because students like him don't understand what's happening? Schwartz and his fellow apathetics won't be so busy when they have no classes to take and can't afford the $24 a unit it costs to attend them.

Some Valley and district students are barely scraping a living as is. Students who support themselves, make poor hourly wages and do their best to balance a tough reality and their educational goals can't let these cuts go any further.

About 50 Valley students, faculty, staff and administrators marched Friday. At a school of roughly 18,000, more students need to call, e-mail, write letters and participate in rallies. Speak up, join and let those who would end affordable education hear your voice.

An Opinion

Thou Shalt Pray In the USA

By Ryan Yudell
Staff Writer

The House of Representatives passed a resolution Thursday to urge the president to set aside a day of fasting and prayer. This comes after a similar resolution the Senate passed March 17, asking to designate that day as a national day of prayer. The House resolution specifically calls for prayer to invoke divine protection for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Certainly the men and women of the armed forces deserve our prayers, but we really should concern ourselves about why this has become an important issue now.

There are two national holidays for veterans that are undeniably necessary, and most importantly, secular. Americans who have served and Americans who want to honor thiose who have died in battle can participate in Memorial Day or Veterans Day activities.

So why, in the middle of a war, is the legislative branch of a supposedly secular nation asking for resolutions for American religious participation?

Is this some sort of thinly-veiled attempt by the political right to inject religion and family values into our daily lives, and if so what sort of incentives have they slipped non-religiously motivated members of congress to go along with their plan?

It seems in times of war everyone in Washington tries to follow the president's lead, fearing that anything contrary may read as unpatriotic to their collective constituencies therefore dooming re-election.

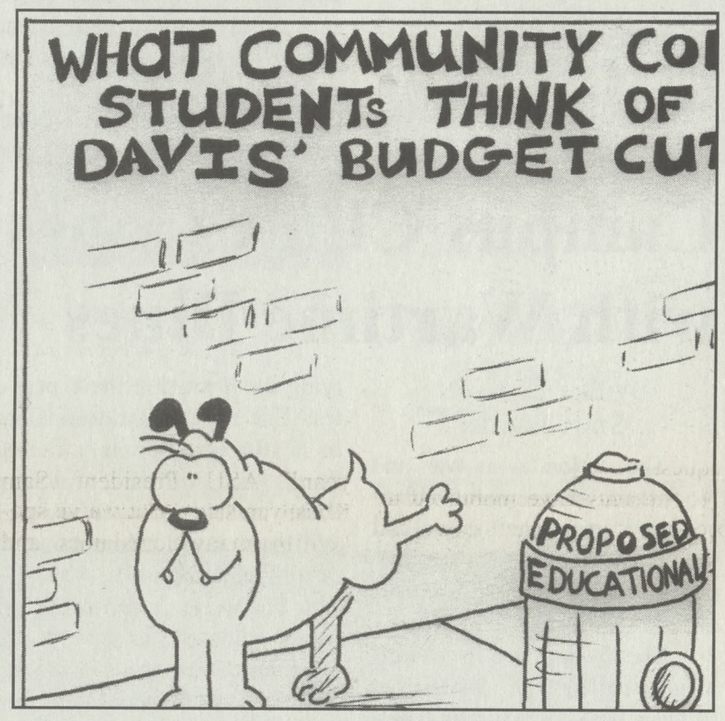
Even worse, this call for prayer could be the result of a request the Pentagon generated. Maybe military movers and shakers been making vital strategic decisions with a magic eight ball that doesn't work, but can they really expect the power of mass prayer to bring down Saddam?

Is this just another one of Bush's attempts to kick-start the American economy? Maybe we can look forward to a line of National Day of Prayer greeting cards, scented prayer candles or maybe even themed white sales.

It's sobering to think any one of these might actually be the cause of our government's renewed interest in God. It's more sobering to think the Senate would take one of our favorite days to lift a beer, March 17, and make it a day of humility, fasting, and prayer. What remains most unnerving is the disregard our representation shows when they flout our Constitution's basic principles like separation of church and state.

It would appear that we Americans aren't represented fairly when those who we've elected to speak on our behalf start trying to tell us how to live our religious lives.

What they're doing is successfully creating another reason for us to question the motives, religious sensitivity and secularity of our leadership. God and country aren't things to take lightly and a government request to be observant, for many of us, may diminish the importance of both.



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Letters to the Editor

As Director of Public Relations at Los Angeles Valley College, I am responding to the Opinion, "Star Wars with Public Relations Office", [sic] (Valley Star, March 26, 2003).

I would like to clarify some and correct other statements that were contained in the Staff Editorial about my January 9, 2003 e-mail message to Valley College staff.

First, the e-mail did not 'give the appearance of prior restraint.' [sic] An individual is not obligated to respond to media inquiries, hence – [sic] a person has the right to speak, [sic] or not to speak to a reporter.

Second, my recommendation that a college administrator, faculty or staff member may refer a reporter to my office, [sic] does not imply to 'encourage staff not to speak to the press'. [sic] Rather, it gives the person an opportunity to contact me so we can gather the facts and formulate an accurate response, [sic] or to exercise the right not to comment.

Third, the Valley Star was not 'singled out'… [sic] but rather it was mentioned to inform some staff on campus who had told me they were under the impression that they "had to respond" to the college newspaper.

Fourth, in the past two years, I have made every attempt to provide the Valley Star with copies of news releases, [sic] by placing them in their mailbox and sending an e-mail. I have also provided story ideas to Valley Star staff, such as the story about alum, [sic] David Bohrer, who is now a photojournalist at the White House, as well as stories about the Fire Academy Graduation, Project C.O.O.L., and Prop [sic] A Construction [sic] projects – [sic] to name a few.

Fifth, I have had a working relationship with, [sic] and have been interviewed by Valley Star staff: Samantha Kuppig, (past Editor-in-Chief), Salvadar [sic] Aquilar [sic], Barret Oliver, Ben Juaran [sic],[sic]([sic] current Editor-in-Chief), [sic] and Jacqui Brown, among others. I have also referred Valley Star staff to other individuals on campus for additional information.

I support the 'Journalism Guidelines' that have been established for the Valley Star staff. As an award-winning television news anchor, reporter and producer for several ABC and CBS affiliates for nearly ten [sic] years, I have [sic] received numerous accolades for my journalistic fairness and accuracy. Valley Star staff members who follow the '[sic] Valley Star Guidelines [sic]' will also have a successful and rewarding career in journalism.

I look forward to continued open channels of communication with the media.

Cindy Sardo
Director, Public Relations

I was disappointed in [sic] the content and language of the two articles regarding the administration talking to the press ("Star Wars with Public Relations Office" and "Reporter Kicked out of Financial Aid Office").

Both Cindy Sardo, Director [sic] of Public [sic] Relations [sic] [sic] and Barbara Ralston, Financial [sic] Aid [sic] Manager [sic], are each very dedicated administrators who have the best interest of our students in mind at all times. Ms. Sardo has done numerous publicity items and communications pieces on our students and Ms. Ralston works extremely hard at helping students obtain financial aid.

Ms. Sardo's e-mail was completely taken out of context. The intent of her e-mail was clearly to advise us that we have rights also. In her e-mail she offers us training so that we are better able to handle media questions. She reminds us that "Thoughtful preparation of your responses helps ensure accuracy."

The Valley Star reported, "The Valley Star was the only publication named in the e-mail." This is very misleading. Ms. Sardo's e-mail states "The media includes reporters from newspaper, including the campus's [sic] Valley Star, television, radio and magazines." The intent is obviously to point out that the media includes the Valley Star and not to single out the Valley Star.

From my experiences with the Valley Star, reporters often do not properly identify themselves. Also, the Valley Star recently based an article on a research report from my office (The LAVC Office [sic] of Research and Planning), recreated our chart, [sic] and took full credit for the information with no mention of our office whatsoever. (Upon my request, a correction was later printed.)

As a member of the LAVC administration, I am happy to talk to the Valley Star and provide information; however, I expect to be treated respectfully, and I expect my faculty, administrative and staff colleagues to be treated respectfully as well.

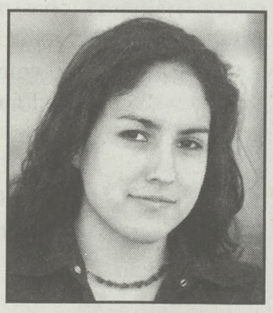
Freedom of speech and freedom of the press does not equate to the right to defame people. In these stressful times, all ranks on campus need to unite together and respect one another versus attacking one another. Responsible journalism is something to be proud of. Respect and credibility can only be gained by working together in a professional manner.

Sincerely,
Cherine M. Trombley, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Research

CampusView

Do you think there should be a national day of fasting and prayer to commemorate Sept. 11?

Photos by Alex Dash

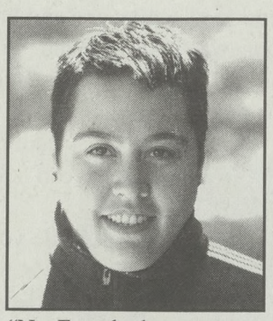


"No I don't, because such an act on he government's part would infringe upon the seperation of church and state."

Nancy Alvarado

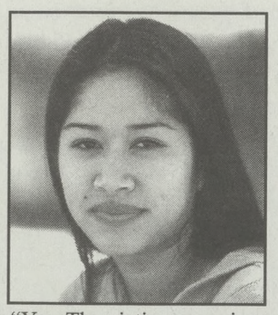
"Yes. Those innocent people died for no reason, and we should remember them. If we don't, who will?"

Omid Saboohn



"No. Everybody mourns on their own. Creating a national day would make a hallmark holiday out of the tragic event."

Chris Vargas



"Yes. The victims were innocent and we should remember them. We remember others such as presidents who we lost as well."

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Valley Life

Campus Scene

University Representatives

California State University, Northridge
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays in Career/Transfer Center

Vatche Mankerian, Piano
Thursday, April 3
Music Recital Hall, 11:30 a.m.

MUSIC
Greg Goodheart, Classical Guitar
Thursday, April 10
Music Recital Hall, 11:30 a.m.

THEATRE
Pippin- 8 p.m. April 3, 4, 5, & 10, 11, 12 at the Mainstage Theatre. (Admission charge)

OTHER
Planetarium Show
"The Spring Sky," 8 p.m. April 11 in the Planetarium. (Admission charge)

DEANS' RECEPTION
2 p.m. April 10 in Monarch Hall.

Mr. Kbushyan Goes to Washington

By Jackie Conley
Staff Writer

Student Body President Sam Kbushyan and four Valley College students, along with students from West Los Angeles and Pierce colleges, recently made a six-hour trip to Washington D.C. They represented the Los Angeles district.

"It was a great experience," Kbushyan said. "You learn how our country functions."

More than 400 students took part in a five-day excursion to the nation's capital. The trip included workshops conducted by politician Ralph Nader that taught student leaders how to lobby bills and how to keep in touch with their local legislators.

"I learned a greater way of communication and how to get my point across," Kbushyan said. "Valley became a coalition in contact with 75 schools."

The National Student Advocacy hosts a trip every year to bring community colleges across the United States together to discuss issues about their colleges.

This year a committee of faculty and staff picked students based on essays they wrote describing why they wanted to go to Washington.

The 2003 American Student Association of Community Colleges budget called for meetings dealing with the Higher Education Act (HEA), which is up for renewal in Congress. Higher Pell Grants, independent students, work-study programs, loan limits, childcare and other topics were some key issues.

> ***"Valley became a coalition in contact with 75 schools."-***
>
> Sam Kbushyan, on his recent trip to Washington D.C.

Starting in fall, the current $4,000 Pell Grant will increase by $50. The HEA proposes the Pell should double to $8,000 in the next five years. With this enormous contribution, the grant will allow low-income students to succeed academically and professionally, while decreasing their dependency on public assistance.

Tammy Abbott/Valley Star

MAKING A POINT - Sam Kbushyan participates during the open session of the Board Meeting in Monarch Hall, March 26.

Kbushyan thinks a better work-study program for Valley students is a solution for lack of involvement. "Walk into school, have fun and then go home to your families," Kybushyan said. "Try and get a job closer to school."

Campus administration is working to improve Valley, according to Kbushyan. He keeps an open door policy for any student who wants to talk to him about their personal and professional concerns.

"The school is so diverse and the majority of students who attend school here come from homes which they have to help provide for," Kbushyan said. "They have to sacrifice a lot of school time to work, therefore they can't get involved in school."

With officers and snipers surrounding the White House, blockades and protesters in the streets, the mood in Washington was clear, according to Kbushyan.

"It was very educational, it was showing a nation's face," he said.

Students maintained their focus on saving programs and finding cost effective plans to revamp the education system in America.

"The budget crisis is what I like to call the perfect storm," Kbushyan said. "The whole country is being affected by it. Money, resources and finance are what makes things move around."

Campus Clinic Copes with Wartime Blues

By Billie Jordan
Staff Writer

The nation is at war and bloodshed is imminent. Jilted emotions penetrate the air and Valley College students are feeling it. Have college students noticed it feels like war?

The Valley health department is having more visits from students who complain of symptoms that indicate anxiety or depression.

Student Sharon Williams said she has experienced a great deal of emotion lately when worrying about whether she' ll pass a test. She realizes the troops are in a foreign country, facing death. "I'm still here, watching their efforts on television," Williams said. "Somehow, it doesn't seem right."

The media is providing listeners with a barrage of bad news and viewers are assaulted with replays of battlefield action. The images creep into our homes and cause many people to feel powerless.

"Fear and anxiety affects us biologically in the form of lower immune resistance, impaired ability to reason and exacerbation of everything from acne to ulcers," said Los Angeles Psychiatrist Carole Lieberman in an interview for Newsweek.

Students who've been diagnosed with anxiety complain of feeling blue and not finding pleasure in doing the things they like to do.

Symptoms of anxiety include loss of appetite or overeating, depression and sleep problems, said Barbara Pearlman, registered nurse and supervisor of Student Health Services at Valley.

"I've been feeling bummed out lately," student Karla Stevens said. "I didn't consider why that might be until now. I guess it'd be pretty hard to feel good with all that's going on."

Valley's Health Department encourages concerned students to visit the school's clinic if they are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties.

Carl King, the school psychologist, is available for appointments. As a precaution, some students take comfort in seeing the medical doctor as well.

"I would encourage any student that's feeling uneasy and anxious to talk about it and get support," Perlman said. "I think most everyone is feeling that."

Free medical screenings will be available at the Health Fair Expo April 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Students can have their blood pressure taken, see a dermatologist, a vision specialist and the school psychologist.

Valley's health clinic is in the North Gym and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 7 p.m. Wednesdays. General health emergency and first aid, as well as non-emergency physician services are available by appointment.

Northridge Hospital provides a 24-hour psychiatric crisis helpline. It's a service for potential admissions to the psychiatric department. They'll respond to calls depending on the situation.

Students are eligible for the school's health services at no additional charge. Students are requested to pay a mandatory $11 health fee during registration at the beginning of each semester.

Photo Illustration by Samantha Kuppig

MILITARIZING OUR CHILDREN

Movie Review: "Nowhere in Africa"

By Kathy Arellano
Copy Editor

The film "Nowhere in Africa" is a feast for the senses. One can almost taste the dust rising from the African plain and smell the pungent aroma of steaming cow dung. Even if the audio track disappeared, watching this movie would still be a wonderful experience.

The story, based on the true account of author Stefanie Zweig's parents, chronicles a young Jewish family's escape from Nazi Germany in 1938 and their nine-year experience as refugees in East Africa. It gives a glimpse of the complicated relationship between Walter and Jettel Redlich, the author's parents.

The film may be set during the Nazi reign of terror, but the focus is on the family's adjustment to life in Kenya. The film examines the intricacies of family relationships and interaction with Kenya's local residents.

The shining star of this film is 5-year-old Regina Redlich, played by Lea Kurka. Karoline Eckertz delivers a powerful role as a teenage Regina, who experiences anti-Semitism for the first time at her boarding school when the headmaster says, "The Jews will stand outside the classroom as we recite the Lord's Prayer."

Juliane Kohler gives a strong performance as Jettel Redlich, the selfish, seemingly spoiled wife who brings fine china and a jeweled ball gown to Kenya instead of the refrigerator that Walter urged her to ship.

Walter Redlich, played by Merab Ninidze, is a wealthy attorney in Frankfurt who sets out for East Africa just steps ahead of the rise of Nazism to secure a safe haven for his wife and small daughter.

Sidede Onyulo plays Owuor, the farm cook who comes to love Regina like his own daughter.

Producer Peter Herrmann and director and screenwriter Caroline Link have crafted a film that flows like a visual memoir. It's no surprise that "Nowhere In Africa" has won five German Film Awards, including best film, and won an Academy Award as best foreign language film.

"Nowhere In Africa," in German with English subtitles, runs 138 minutes. It's not rated, but there's a fairly graphic sex scene and some violence. It's now playing at selected Laemmle Theatres.

G.I. Joe Re-Deployed: Militarizing Our Kids Slice of Life

By Jacqui Brown

Dear Ken,

Barbie's got you under her thumb - what can I say? You can't compete with me anymore, because I am so back. I'm G.I. Joe after all, and I'm bigger and better than ever. I'm selling like hotcakes. I'm even on sale for 30 to 50 percent off at the toy store.

If you had any guts you'd join me in this battle. You no longer have an excuse because the military took into consideration all lifestyles, and passed the "don't ask, don't tell" law, so if you have any guts, now is the time to show them what you're made of. Don some army fatigues and fulfill your patriotic duty.

I know Barbie has something to do with this. You live beyond your means and lead this passive life alongside your girlfriend - safe and sound in the confines of some grassroots-peace activist kid's closet. How can you live with yourself? How un-American!

We've got a war on and kids need me now. Their desire now is to decapitate evil villains, blow up enemy tanks, ravage foreign territory, destroy weapons of mass destruction. It's the reason they all get buzz cuts and drag their moms to the toy store. Liberate me from the shelf. Free me from this box that has served as my prison for far too long.

The thrill of the hunt is back. I'm a superior warrior now - more rugged, more covert- fearless. The government stands behind me.

"How do I know?" you ask. Just look at my high tech equipment. My Ocean Assault vehicle can deploy undetected, inside enemy territory. It's missile launchers will put torpedo launchers into the archives of military weaponry. The superiority of the Assault Quad as it races over rough terrain and through desert storms is unstoppable. It seeks the destruction of unfriendly forces by employing the use of bazookas mounted on either side. The Cobra Fang III is fully armed and powered by an attack helicopter.

I'm joined in this battle by X-treme Soldiers, a paratroop company, who are able to infiltrate the most remote, dangerous locations in a war-ravaged country. Max Steel has also re-enlisted, with his division of urban assault commandos. We've trained on Play Station and X-Box, using high tech training games like Conflict Desert Storm, the most realistic tactile action experience ever.

CDS taught us how to take command of our troops and battle our way through the Gulf War, just like the Elite Delta Force and Navy Seals. We've seen what the enemy is capable of and we know we can kick their butts.

So Ken, this might be your last chance. Think of the honor to be bestowed upon you should you decide to join us. We can make a man of you.

Sincerely,
G.I. Joe

'Dance' *continued from page 1*

Associated Student Union's commissioner of fine arts saw the performance and didn't see it as unsuccessful.

"On a small scale it does have an effect," Brevard said. "You have to build a small scale to build a bigger one."

The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees held a meeting in Monarch Hall the same day as the dance performance. Campus security was out in force to maintain a civil campus, according to campus security officer Pedro Pineda.

"I heard only four people showed up at the last protest, so we expected the amount to double," Pineda said. "We didn't know what to expect, but it ended up being pretty nice."

"This is a better turnout than we expected," Hodges said. She said she hopes to continue to hold more of this type of protest in the future.

'Students' *continued from page 2*

Many teachers have distributed green postcards to their students, who've returned them to the Los Angeles Faculty Guild, the union that represents all Valley faculty members. The Faculty Guild then sends them to lawmakers so they can hear from students who are opposed to the cutbacks. So far, they've sent more than 60,000 cards from colleges throughout the state, according to Faculty Guild President Carl Friedlander. Friedlander also said he and other faculty and students are planning several visits to legislators in coming months.

Students are organizing almost all efforts community colleges are making, which is one common thread between the schools. The ASU and other concerned students make the signs, send the flyers and e-mails and rent the buses for the rallies and have coordinated with other schools to ensure protests' success.

"The student's leadership has been outstanding," Furutani said. "People may say that community college students can't organize, that they're too transient. But I beg to differ."

'Break' *continued from page 2*

Chamber of Commerce. "Some people might feel uncomfortable being very far from home right now."

The management of the Desert Lodge in Palm Springs said they only have about 25 percent of their rooms reserved for spring break but added that students often book later rather than sooner.

"I'm going to Sweden to visit family," student Winston Luv said, adding that he was not worried about flying because of tightened security.

Vehicle checkpoints, car searches, drug sniffing dogs and a large police presence at Los Angeles International Airport may cause many travelers to change plans to avoid added stress.

With the budget cuts, rising tuition lurking around the corner, a changing economy, rising gas prices and a war, many students may cancel big trips until the war is over and consider unwinding at home and enjoying the beaches along the coast of Los Angeles.

'Rally' *continued from page 1*

system."

A teamster truck led the march, sounding its horn to stop the oncoming traffic on the corner of W. 5th and S. Hill streets and back. Students, faculty, administrators and politicians marched past the governor's office, where Valley students deposited a crate filled with postcards from people statewide expressing their outrage at the disproportionate cutbacks.

"You guys have to realize that we're having to tighten our belts in everything," deputy press secretary Byron Tucker said. "While tuition may go up, the state of California is still the best as far as affordability."

Tucker said Davis planned to rely more on fee waivers that allow low-income students to attend college for free.

"It doesn't make any sense," Valley student Majd Ammari said. "Even if more waivers are given out, not everyone qualifies for one. What about those of us who fall in the middle?"

The governor projected student growth in UCs would climb by 4.5 percent and CSUs by 5 percent, while growth within community colleges would rise only 3 percent due to cuts in the college system. Projections indicate the cuts would push as many as 125,000 community college students out of school altogether, according to reports."I'm angry! I've worked too hard and too long to let this happen," Chason Smith of Santa Monica College said. "We're not asking for a miracle, we're asking for fairness!"

As Valley students approached the governor's office, press secretaries met, prepared with a statement on the governor's behalf. The secretaries said that, while the governor recognized and respected the students' efforts, they had to understand that the state as a whole is suffering a deficit which has forced program cuts in all areas.

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site is currently on display in the main Administration Building.

"I think Mr. Hetzberg has taken leadership into the 21st century," Student Body President Sam Kbushyan said. "He's doing a great job, because he's stepping into the league where students like me and those I represent will be proud."

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SOFTBALL

Blackjack

By Jayson Addcox
Staff Writer

Mercy! Mercy! Yes the Lady Monarchs mercy-ruled the Brahmas in one hour and 15 minutes Saturday at Pierce. A barrage of hits and stifling defense paved the way in 21-0 shutout win in five innings.

Coach Frankie Garcia was thrilled with the ladies performance.

"It felt good the girls hit the ball well, they only had a few errors we just hit the ball," Garcia said.

The Monarchs got it going early in the game. Lilly Pudillo and Aeshia Mendez drew back to back walks to start the game, and Jessica Nelson was a hit by a pitch to load the bases for slugger Nicole LaBrunda. LaBrunda hit a shot up the middle driving in two runs and Allison Winslow followed her act, collecting an RBI on a single of her own.

"It was a lot of fun," said outfielder Paloma Artega. "We all got a chance to hit, and run the bases."

The Lady Monarchs capped the game with a six-run fifth inning. Outfielder Winslow reached on an error to start the inning. After two fly outs to left, Janelle Mendez got a double then Jessica Nelson got an RBI double and La Brunda drove in another run with a single. Nelson was thrown out at home to end the inning.

Hit and run was a part of the action. The girls played great defense and pitcher Jessica Nelson pitched a complete game shutout allowing only four hits, walking none and striking out two in five solid innings.

"It was our first shutout and it felt good," said shortstop Nicole LaBrunda.

Pierce was unable to get anything going throughout the game. Nelson allowed a single in the fourth but shutdown the rest of the team, making the Brahmas strand yet another runner.

The Lady Monarchs were upbeat after the game, their first shutout of the season. The 21-run performance is reason enough. The girls are looking forward to winning some big games down the stretch in the second half of league play.

"I'm very proud of the team, we played great," said Gaby Meljar.

Tammy Abbott/ Valley Star

AT THE PLATE-Monarchs' pitcher Jessica Nelson goes for the ball at the plate in a 21-0 victory over the Pierce College Brahmas Saturday.

LAVC SCORES

Baseball @ Pierce (L 4-15) 3/29/03 Record: 1-20-1
Baseball vs. Hancock (L 1-2) 4/2/03 Record: 8-22
Softball @ Pierce (W 21-0) 3/29/03 Record: 8-22

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4/2/03
No Scheduled Games

Thursday 4/3/03
Baseball vs. Bakersfield 2 p.m.
Softball @ Cuesta 2:30 p.m.

Friday 4/4/03
Track & Field @ WSC #4 2 p.m.
Swimming vs. Pierce 2:30 p.m.

Saturday 4/5/03
Baseball @ Canyons 1 p.m.
Softball @ Santa Barbara TBA

Sunday 4/6/03
Softball @ Santa Barbara TBA

Tuesday 4/8/03
Baseball vs. Canyons 2 p.m.
Softball vs. Glendale 2:30 p.m.

PRO SCORES

L.A. Lakers vs. Memphis Grizzlies (W 110-94) 3/31/03
Shaquille O'Neal: 32 pts, 11 rb, 4-6 ft LAL Record: 43-31 overall

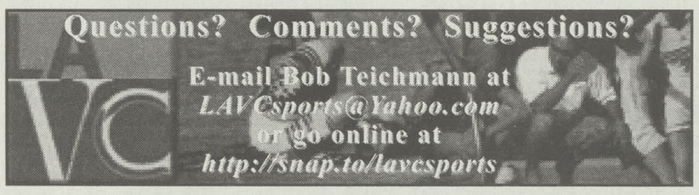
L.A. Clippers vs. Memphis Grizzlies (W 102-100) 3/30/03
Cory Magette: 18 pts, 8 rb, 8-9 ft LAC Record: 23-50 overall

An. Mighty Ducks vs. Van. Knucks (W 3-1) 3/30/03
Martin Gerber: 41 saves AN Record: 39-26-9-5

L.A. Kings vs. Phoenix Cayotes (W-OT 5-4) 3/31/03
Z. Palffy: 2 goals, 0 ast LA Record: 31-37-6-5

An. Angels vs. Seattle Mariners (W 6-5) 3/24/03
WP: Scot Shields (1-0) LP: J. Putz (0-1)

L.A. Dodgers @ Az. Diamondbacks (W 8-0) 3/31/03
WP: Hideo Nomo (1-0) LP: Randy Johnson (0-1)



In Their Own Words

"My son is the most important part of my day, no matter how much softball I play."

Nicole LaBrunda,
Women's softball player on her relationship with her 19-month-old son Cody.

Photo by Bob Teichmann

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Women's Softball - WSC Scoring Margin

	RF	AVG.	RA	AVG.	+ OR -
Bakersfield	89	6.4	11	0.8	+ 5.6
Ventura	88	8.0	27	2.5	+ 5.5
Cuesta	79	7.2	22	2.0	+ 5.2
Canyons	81	6.2	24	1.8	+ 4.4
Moorpark	79	5.6	29	2.1	+ 3.5
Allan Hancock	90	6.9	57	4.4	+2.5
Glendale*	56	5.1	65	5.9	- 0.8
L.A. Mission*	44	4.0	56	5.1	- 1.1
Citrus	40	3.1	76	5.8	- 2.7
Santa Monica	59	4.9	101	8.4	- 3.5
L.A. Valley	30	2.7	77	7.0	- 4.3
L.A. Pierce	13	1.0	156	12.0	- 11.0

Women's Softball - WSC Team Batting

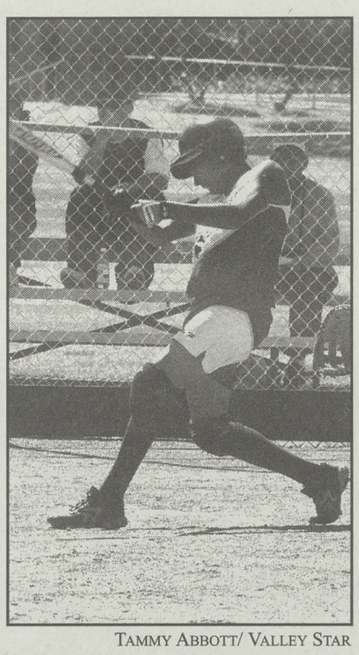
	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG.
Ventura	11	279	88	99	9	6	6	69	10	.355
Bakersfield	14	381	89	126	29	4	3	74	11	.331
Moorpark	14	394	71	127	9	4	3	66	29	.322
Allan Hancock	13	328	90	105	19	4	1	x	45	.320
Canyons	13	373	81	119	21	8	2	66	2	.319
Cuesta	10	299	70	93	7	2	1	38	9	.311
Santa Monica	12		59							
Glendale	12		56							
Citrus	13	320	40	85	11	2	1	35	10	.266
L.A. Mission	9	220	39	55	8	3	0	42	11	.250
L.A. Valley	11	253	24	55	9	0	0	23	3	.217
L.A. Pierce	13	275	13	47	5	0	0	11	9	.208

Women's Softball - WSC Team Pitching

	G	W-L	SV	INN.	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA.
Cuesta	4	4-0	1	27.0	16	6	24	2	1	0.26
Bakersfield	14	13-1	0	90.0	43	21	105	10	6	0.47
Canyons	13	12-1	0	85.1	49	29	58	24	13	1.07
Moorpark	14	10-4	0	98.0	64	28	41	29	17	1.21
Ventura	11	8-3	0	70.0	52	18	62	27	21	2.10
Allan Hancock	13	7-6	0	83.0	89	46	93	56	33	2.78

Women's Softball - Individual Statistics - WSC Hitting

	AB	R	H	AVG.
Carla Berumen, Ventura	36	11	21	.583
Jennie Samarripas, Baskersfield	45	16	24	.533
Nicole Delfino, Canyons	49	15	25	.510
Lindsey Calderon, Moorpark	47	12	23	.489
Alina Guerrero, Santa Monica	36	5	17	.472
Nina Van Allen, Cuesta	17	4	8	.471
Breanna Harlow, Allan Hancock	35	14	16	.457
Marlena Aguirre, L.A. Mission	22	5	10	.455
Jade Savusa, Ventura	31	9	14	.452
Nicole Brazier, Moorpark	47	11	21	.447
Elizabeth O'Neal, Santa Monica	39	8	17	.436
Erica Mijares, Ventura	31	10	13	.419
Claudia Berumen, Ventura	34	16	14	.412
Aimee Nava, Canyons	32	8	13	.406
Kimmie Sabreda, Bakersfield	42	12	17	.405
Kellie Arias, Bakersfield	45	13	18	.400
Nicole LaBrunda, L.A. Valley	25	2	10	.400
Jessica Nelson, L.A. Valley	33	4	13	.394
Samantha Dempsey, L.A. Mission	23	5	9	.391
Erika Campbell, Cuesta	39	10	15	.385
Laura Hedrick, Citrus	29	1	11	.379
Courtney Pritchard, Cuesta	35	5	13	.371
Candice Perez, Allan Hancock	30	5	11	.367
Nikki Lepine, L.A. Mission	22	5	8	.364
Katie Richards, Moorpark	42	10	15	.357



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SWINGER-Monarch outfielder Janelle Mendez at bat Saturday.

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OLYMPICS:
Iraqi Connection
The headquarters of the Iraqi National Olympic Committee were blasted by coalition warplanes Monday, striking the building where Saddam Hussein's son Odai is rumored to have a torture chamber.

MLB
New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter was placed on the 15-day disabled list after dislocating his left shoulder in the home opener against the Toronto Blue Jays Monday. The injury could sideline him for a month.

MLB
Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Johnson lost his first opening day game in 11 years when the Los Angeles Dodgers won 8-0.

MLB
New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza will begin serving a reduced suspension Wednesday. His original suspension of five games, stemming from a brawl in spring training, was reduced to four Tuesday.

NBA
Portland Trailblazers forward Rasheed Wallace agreed Monday to attend drug counseling, pay a $650 fine and stay out of legal trouble for the next six months to have marijuana charges against him dropped. The charges come from a November 22 traffic stop where Wallace and Blazers guard Damon Staudomire were pulled over for speeding when a search of the vehicle found a small amount of marijuana.

NHL
Canadian billionaire Eugene Melnyk submitted a bid to buy the Ottawa Senators on Monday. The offer is for the Senators franchise and the Corel Centre, including a commitment to keep the team in Ottawa.

NFL
George Connor, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the first of the Chicago Bears' great linebackers, died Monday in Chicago. He was 78.

Sports

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WSC BASEBALL

Individual Statistics - WSC Hitting

	AB	R	H	AVG.
J. Ostrand, Hancock	39	11	23	.590
A. Ortiz, Canyons	33	15	19	.576
Rundle, Citrus	61	15	30	.492
B. Montemayor, Canyons	34	13	16	.471
C. Reyes, Hancock	47	11	22	.468
B. Roberts, Cuesta	48	13	22	.458
J. Mayberry, Canyons	30	11	13	.433
R. Pipho, Canyons	35	6	15	.429
J. Roe, Hancock	7	1	3	.429
A. Petersen, Glendale	48	16	20	.417
J. Shreck, Canyons	35	11	14	.400
G. Denning, Cuesta	33	5	13	.394
A. Cheverier, L.A. Valley	42	5	16	.380
B. Sharpe, Citrus	49	11	18	.367
T. DeBondt, Bakersfield	52	7	19	.365
E. Peach, Moorpark	33	6	12	.364
A. O'Dell, Citrus	58	12	21	.362
J. Arisohn, Moorpark	36	11	13	.361
T. Wonjcik, Canyons	31	7	11	.355
C. Janowicz, Cuesta	51	11	18	.353
R. Machado, Bakersfield	54	12	19	.352
D. Kelly, Cuesta	37	10	13	.351
A. Rondou, Canyons	37	7	13	.351
Dohling, Citrus	52	10	18	.346
B. Welles, Glendale	47	11	16	.340

Individual Statistics - WSC RBI

	School	RBI
A. O'Dell	Citrus	15
F. Ishivasha	L.A. Pierce	14
B. Lee	L.A. Pierce	13
A. Petersen	Glendale	13
J. Mayberry	Canyons	12
B. Montemayor	Canyons	12
J. Shreck	Canyons	12
J. Burton	Hancock	12
D. Kelly	Cuesta	12
R. Machado	Bakersfield	12
L. Corenbach	Glendale	12
Rundle	Citrus	12
M. Nesbit	L.A. Pierce	11
B. Roberts	Cuesta	11
Shaw	Citrus	11
J. Van Osterand	Hancock	11
B. Welles	Glendale	11
A. Ortiz	Canyons	10
R. Pipho	Canyons	10
J. Carrillo	L.A. Mission	10
C. Janowicz	Cuesta	10
M. Sparks	Bakersfield	10

*list researched by Nicole Sunkes, Valley Life Editor

NBA SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4/2/03

Matchup	TV	Time (ET)
Miami Heat @ Boston Celtics	none	7 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	7 p.m.
Chicago Bulls @ Philadelphia 76er's	WGN	7 p.m.
Toronto Raptors @ Detroit Pistons	none	7:30 p.m.
Houston Rockets @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	8 p.m.
Seattle Supersonics @ Minnesota Timberwolves	none	8 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Washington Wizards	none	8 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	8 p.m.
New Jersey Nets @ New Orleans Hornets	none	8:30 p.m.
New York Knicks @ Denver Nuggets	ESPN	10:30 p.m.

Thursday 4/3/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Washington Wizards @ Atlanta Hawks	TNT	7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Lakers @ Dallas Mavericks	TNT	9:30 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Portland Trailblazers	none	10 p.m.

Friday 4/4/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Houston Rockets @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	7 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs @ Toronto Raptors	none	7 p.m.
Miami Heat @ New Jersey Nets	none	7:30 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Boston Celtics	ESPN	8 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Detroit Pistons	none	8 p.m.
Los Angeles Lakers @ Memphis Grizzlies	KCAL 9	8 p.m.
Cleveland Cavaliers @ Milwaukee Bucks	none	8:30 p.m.
New York Knicks @ Utah Jazz	none	9 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Golden State Warriors	ESPN	10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Seattle Supersonics	none	10:30 p.m.

Saturday 4/5/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Memphis Grizzlies @ Atlanta Hawks	none	7 p.m.
New Orleans Hornets @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee Bucks @ Chicago Bulls	WGN	8:30 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ Dallas Mavericks	none	8:30 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Phoenix Suns	none	9 p.m.
New York Knicks @ Los Angeles Clippers	none	10:30 p.m.

Sunday 4/6/03

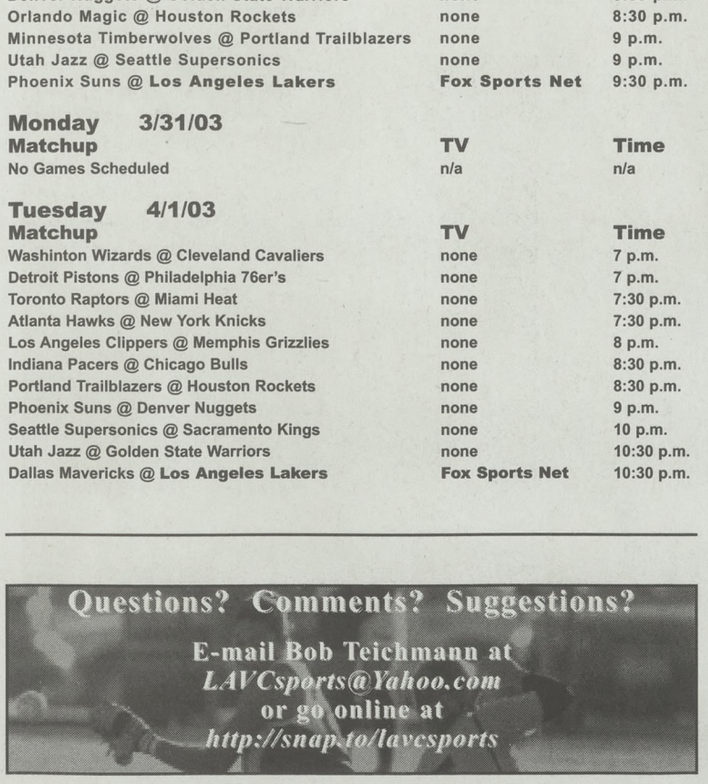
Matchup	TV	Time
Washington Wizards @ Boston Celtics	ABC	1 p.m.
New Jersey Nets @ Toronto Raptors	none	1:30 p.m.
Sacramento Kings @ Philadelphia 76er's	ABC	3:30 p.m.
San Antonio Spurs @ Detroit Pistons	none	6 p.m.
Miami Heat @ Indiana Pacers	none	6 p.m.
Denver Nuggets @ Golden State Warriors	none	6:30 p.m.
Orlando Magic @ Houston Rockets	none	8:30 p.m.
Minnesota Timberwolves @ Portland Trailblazers	none	9 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Seattle Supersonics	none	9 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Los Angeles Lakers	Fox Sports Net	9:30 p.m.

Monday 3/31/03

Matchup	TV	Time
No Games Scheduled	n/a	n/a

Tuesday 4/1/03

Matchup	TV	Time
Washinton Wizards @ Cleveland Cavaliers	none	7 p.m.
Detroit Pistons @ Philadelphia 76er's	none	7 p.m.
Toronto Raptors @ Miami Heat	none	7:30 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks @ New York Knicks	none	7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers @ Memphis Grizzlies	none	8 p.m.
Indiana Pacers @ Chicago Bulls	none	8:30 p.m.
Portland Trailblazers @ Houston Rockets	none	8:30 p.m.
Phoenix Suns @ Denver Nuggets	none	9 p.m.
Seattle Supersonics @ Sacramento Kings	none	10 p.m.
Utah Jazz @ Golden State Warriors	none	10:30 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks @ Los Angeles Lakers	Fox Sports Net	10:30 p.m.



OFFICIAL STATS WESTERN STATE CONF.

Women's Softball - Stolen Bases

Player	School	No.
Lindsey Calderon	Moorpark	10
Breanna Harlow	Hancock	10
Tracy Shibata	Hancock	10
Alana Garcia	Hancock	7
Kashawnda Blockmon	SMC	6
Elizabeth O'Neal	SMC	6
Katie Richards	Moorpark	6
Erika Campbell	Cuesta	5
Andryanna Tesoro	Hancock	5
Jennie Samarripas	Bakersfield	5
Samantha Dempsey	L.A. Mission	4
Rosa Sierra	L.A. Pierce	4
Claudia Berumen	Ventura	4
Candice Perez	Hancock	3
Jasmine Robles	Hancock	3
Nicole Brazier	Moorpark	3
Tammy LaBreche	L.A. Mission	3
Jennie Maretti	Hancock	3
Sarah Shinn	Citrus	3
Kimmie Sabedra	Bakersfield	3
Teresa Sais	L.A. Pierce	3
Carla Berumen	Ventura	2
Erica Mijares	Ventura	2
Erin Bennett	L.A. Pierce	2
Julie Jimenez	L.A. Mission	2
Christie Sotelo	L.A. Mission	2
Melissa Watanabe	L.A. Pierce	2

Women's Softball - Pitching

Player	School	W-L
Nina Van Allen	Cuesta	4-0
Jeani Lagerstrom	Bakersfield	5-0
Lindsay Vincent	Bakersfield	8-1
Cassie Davis	Cuesta	2-2
Jennifer McCarty	Canyons	9-0
Monica Cerda	Moorpark	5-2
Tammy Anderson	Ventura	3-0
Julie Jimenez	L.A. Mission	2-1
Monique Velasquez	Ventura	2-1
Cassandra Shires	Canyons	3-1
Katie Bieniek	Moorpark	5-2
Laura Hedrick	Citrus	2-6
Candice Perez	Hancock	5-5
Julie Hartnell	Ventura	3-2
Jessica Nelson	L.A. Valley	0-4

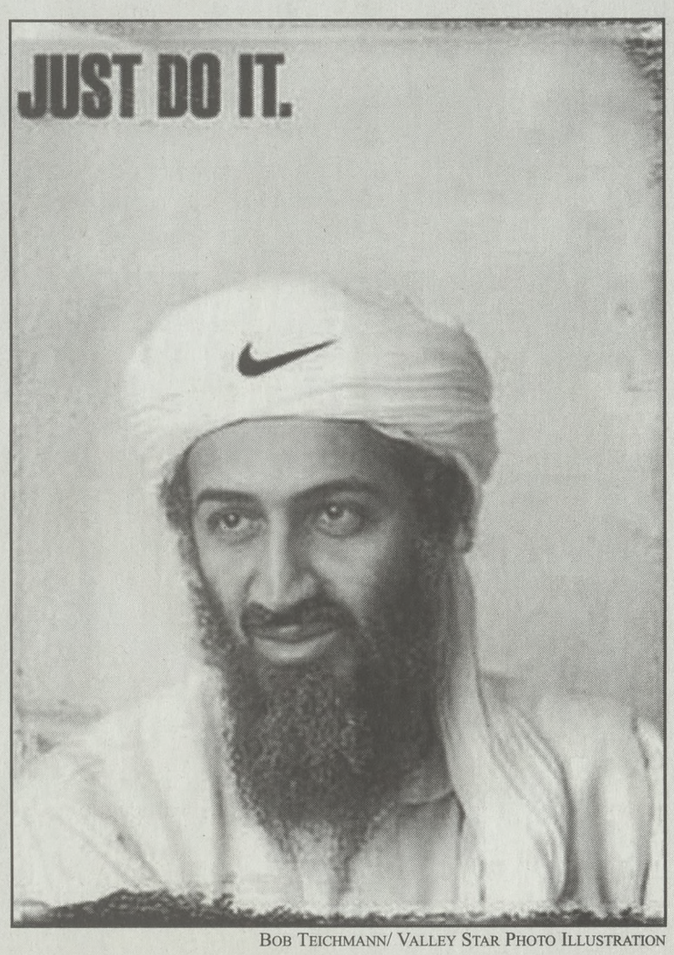
Bob Teichmann

an opinion

Strange Athletes

I don't know much about anything, but I do know some things. Our society is crazy enough to do something so dumb as to hire anybody who will further their cause.

A good example would be Nike. The very popular shoe maker hires anybody from 8-year-old Filipino kids to any Joe Somebody to make and endorse their products. When will it end?



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Multi-Tasking

Nicole LaBrunda is an MVP On and Off the Field

By Jayson Addcox and Bob Teichmann
Staff Writers

Her love is softball, her goal is a biology degree, her reality is a 19-month-old son. Nicole LaBrunda is not only a standout player on the Lady Monarchs' softball team, she's also a mom at home.

This 21-year-old student has played softball since she was 5 years old and she's an instrumental part of the team this year. La Brunda has played shortstop, second base, third base, catcher and pitcher. After she's done crushing the softball on the field she heads home to take care of son.

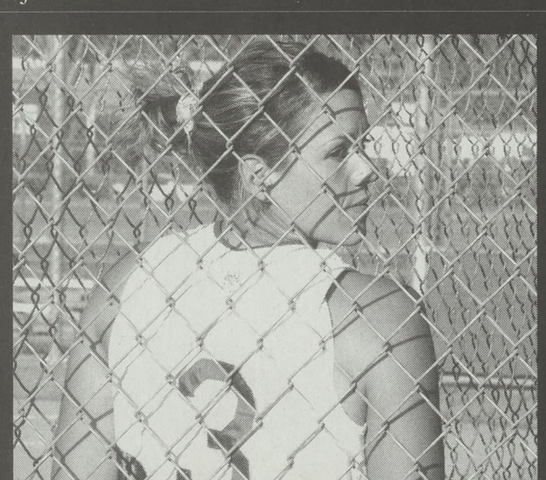
"At home I have pictures of me when I was 2, holding bat with a helmet on," LaBrunda said. "After the games I go home and play with my son, and do homework."

La Brunda is a biology major who plans to transfer to a four-year university and continue playing softball, and works part time at Ikea. Juggling softball, school, work, and a son is tough, but she doesn't let it get to her.

With her son on her mind all the time, her focus is much sharper than other players.

"My son is there waiting for me at home all the time," LaBrunda said. "He's the best thing in the world to me."

The softball team is LaBrunda's joy at Valley, where she said everyone has a lot fun. She's certainly proven that too much isn't enough and this dedicated young woman has done a great job on the field and off.



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CUESTA COLLEGE San Luis Obispo, CA ■ Thursday 2:30 p.m.

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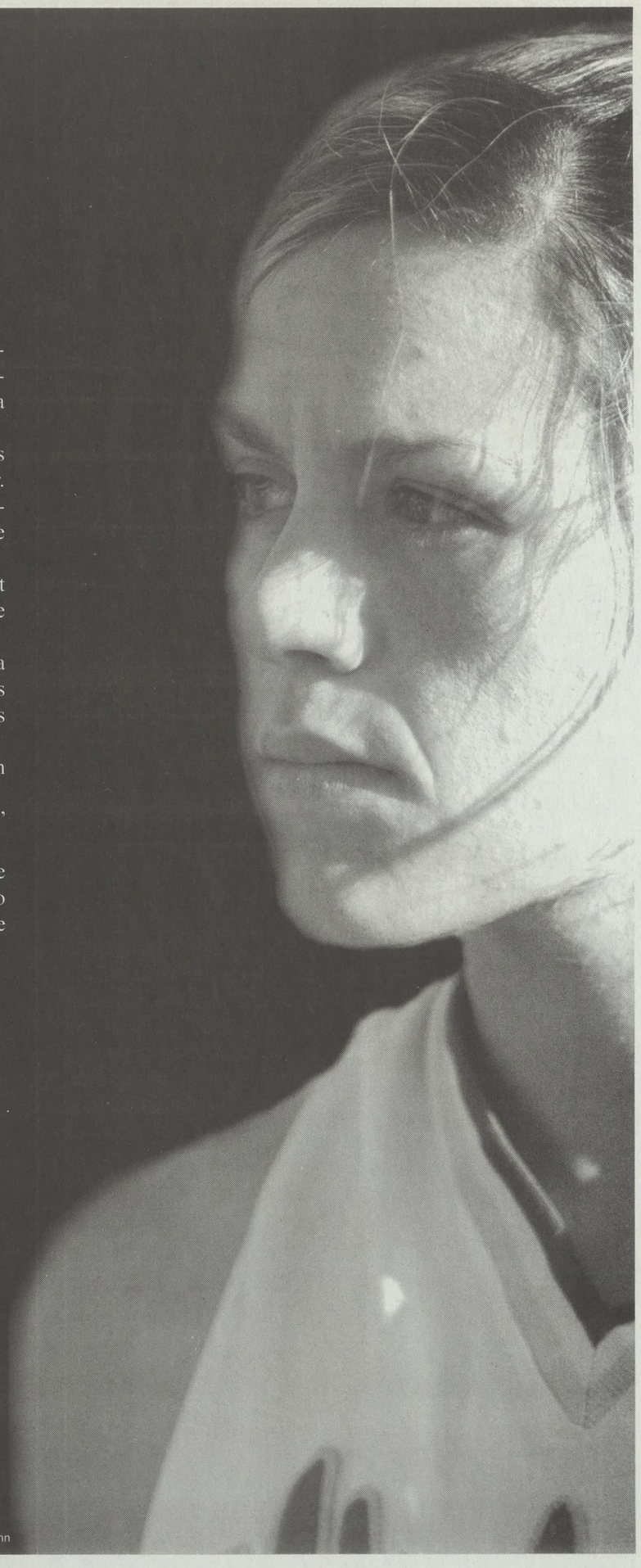
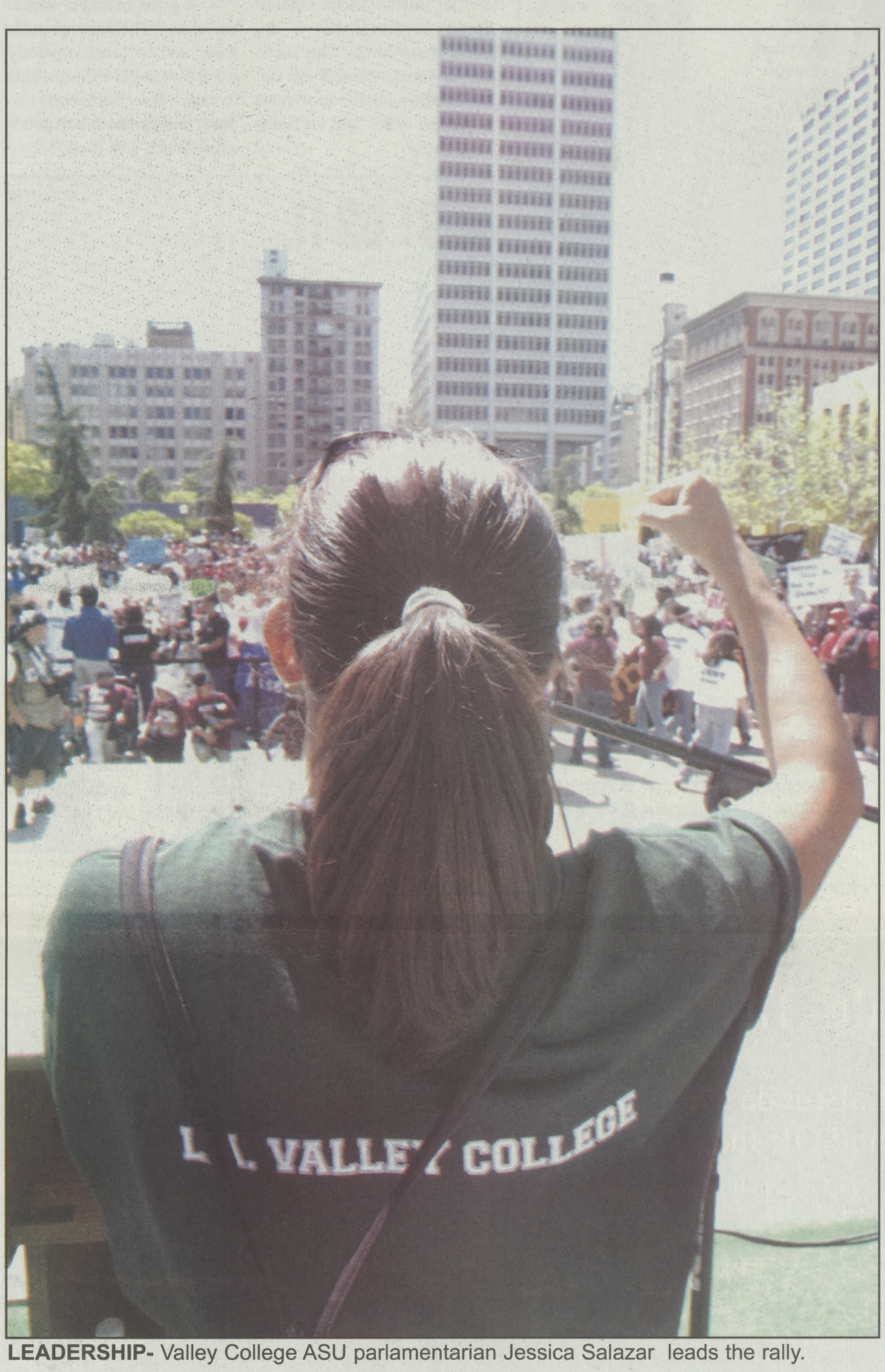
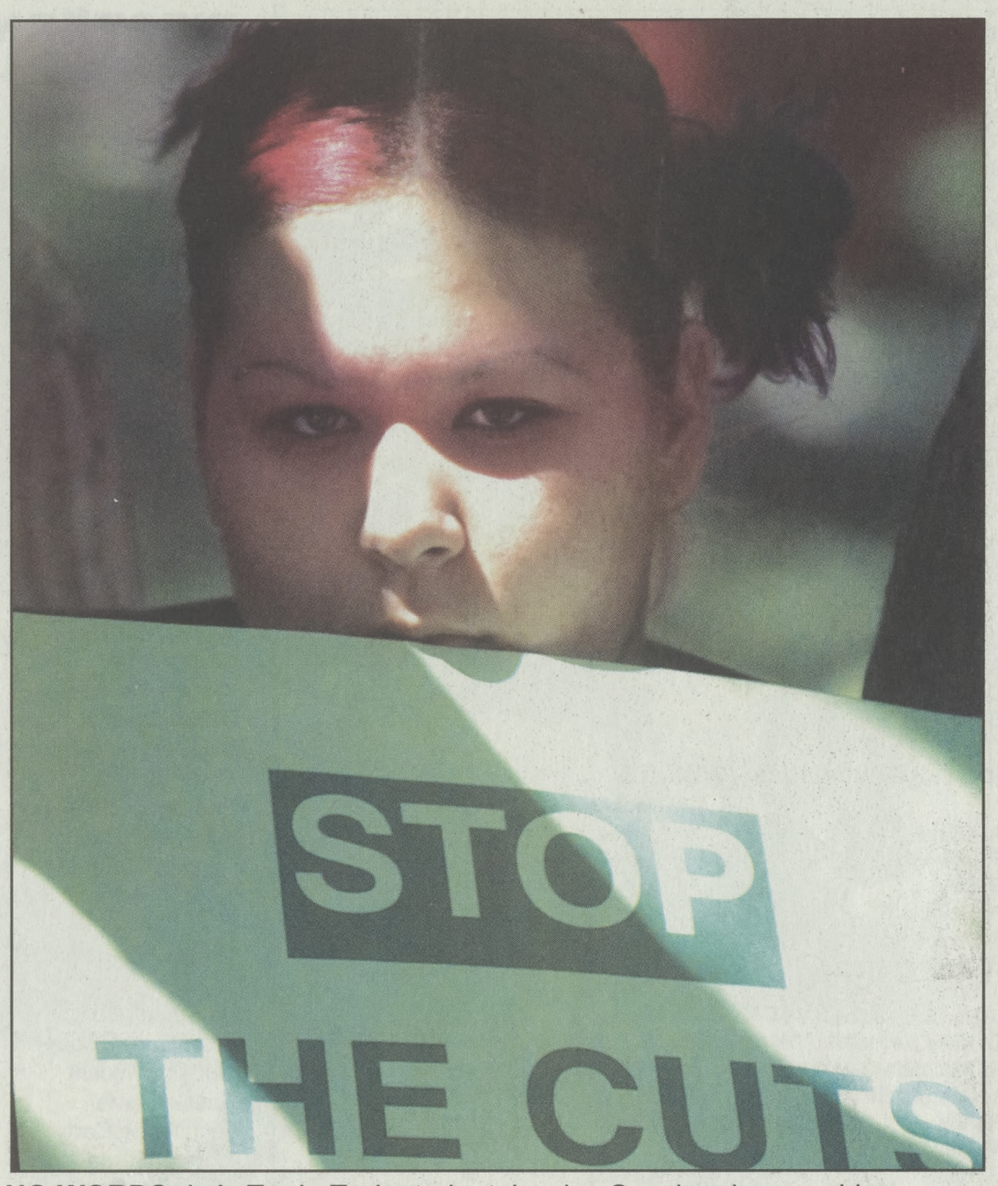


STUDENTS RALLY AGAINST BUDGET CUTS



LEADERSHIP- Valley College ASU parlamentarian Jessica Salazar leads the rally.



NO WORDS- L.A. Trade Tech student Jessica Sanchez is speechless.

INTENSE- Valley College student Silvia Pintos (in foreground) shows her concern.

Students and faculty from 14 community colleges across the state came together in Pershing Square Friday to protest severe budget cuts and a possible tuition increase. Student speakers expressed anger and fear, politicians Richard Alarcon, Gil Cedillo, and Antonio Villaraigosa joined the students to show their support for the community college system. Protestors marched from Pershing Square to the governor's office on 5th Street.

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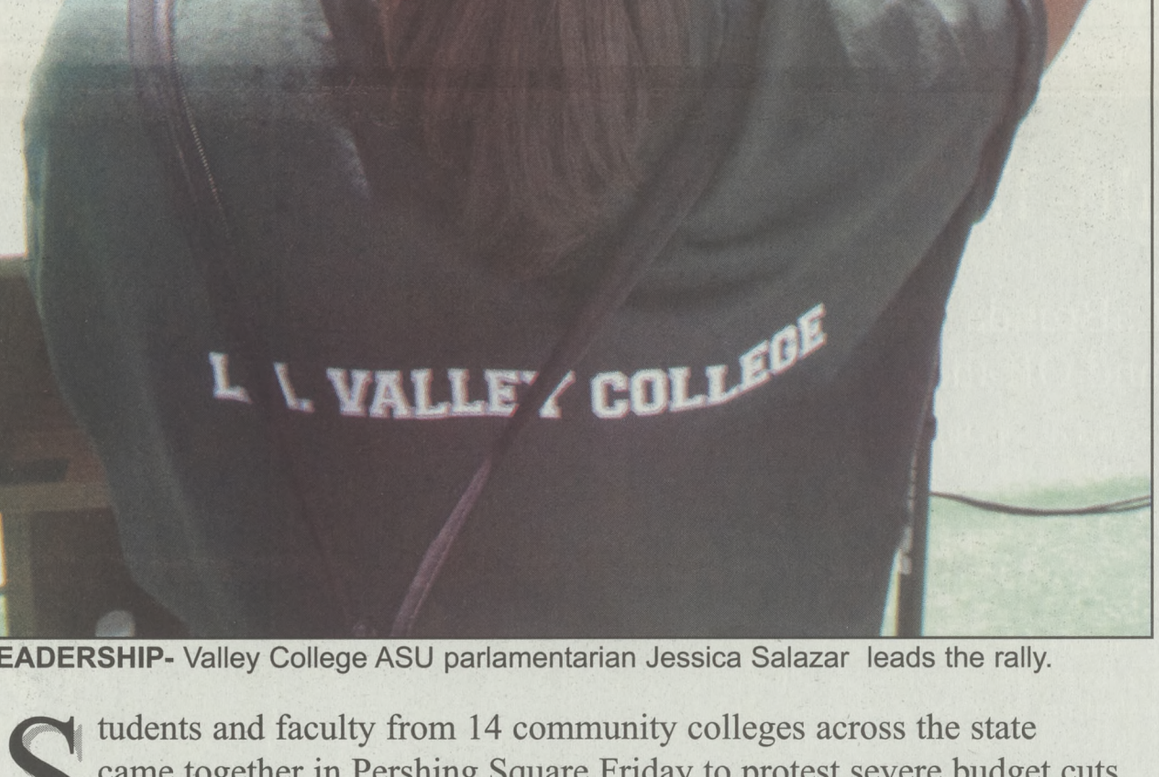

GOOD FEELING- Sam Kbushyan, Jessica Salazar and Sherri Rodriguez reflect the joy of the rally.

TOP VIEW- An accompanied Beethoven statue witnesses the rally.